

REMARKS

Claims 80 to 93 are presented for examination, of which Claims 80, 86, 87, 88, 92 and 93 are independent. Entry of the above amendments and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 80 to 87 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,111, 659 (Murata) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,862,297 (Timmermans). Claims 88 to 93 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Murata in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,243,171 (Haneda). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's attention is directed to amended independent Claims 80, 86 and 87 which claim that, when reproduction is not performed for the particular image, information introducing an existence of the particular image is stored in a memory. The Office Action dated September 12, 2003 more or less concedes that Murata does not teach this feature.

Timmermans is seen to disclose that if picture parameter data stored on a disk is incorrect, information about the desired changes of the picture parameter data relative to a set of picture parameter data recorded on a record carrier is stored. Thus, Timmermans teaches the storage of picture parameter data while the present invention stores information introducing an existence of a particular image. This feature is believed to be distinguishable from Timmermans. As such, it is believed that neither Timmermans, nor Murata teaches or suggests the present invention of Claims 80, 86 and 87.

In addition, the Examiner's attention is also drawn to amended independent Claims 88, 92 and 93. These claims have been amended to include the feature of indicating deletion of an image in accordance with a manual operation whether the indicated image is instructed to be reproduced by said reproduction instruction file or not. It is believed that neither Murata, nor Timmermans teaches or suggests the present invention of Claims 88, 92 and 93.

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